

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 22, 2024**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
ORVILLE E. KEAN CAMPUS
MEDICAL RESEARCH and TRAINING CENTER
9:00A.M.**

**MINUTES
Regular Session**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Attorney Henry C. Smock, Chair
Ms. Oran C. Roebuck, Vice Chair
Dr. David Hall, President and Secretary
Dr. Kyza A. Callwood BOE (via Zoom)
Dr. Donna Christensen (via Zoom)
Ms. Jackeima Flemming, Student Trustee
Dr. Sheena Walker, Faculty Trustee
Mr. Reginald Vigilant

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Dr. Lois Hassell-Habtes
Mrs. Nisha Clavier, Alumni Trustee
Mrs. Erica Johnson Creamer
Dr. Dionne Wells Hedrington, DOE
Dr. Bert M. Petersen, Jr.
Dr. John A. Quelch

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Camille McKayle, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (via Zoom)
Dr. Pamela Moolenaar-Wirsiy, Interim VP Institutional Advancement
Ms. Sharlene Harris, VP Information Services & Institutional Effectiveness
Mrs. Nereida Washington Interim VP Administration and Finance & CFO
Attorney Marie ThomasGriffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smock at 9:30am.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.....Henry C. Smock

Election of Officers

The Governance Committee conducted its annual meeting for nominations as outlined in the Nomination Process adopted by the Board of Trustees. Nominations were received for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. A slate of candidates was obtained and approved as required by the process. The slate was presented to the Board of Trustees for their deliberation and action.

A motion was made by President Hall which was seconded by Trustee Christensen to accept the slate of Henry Smock for Chair and Oran Roebuck for Vice Chair. The vote on motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Kyza A. Callwood which was seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve the regular session minutes of March 9, 2024 with minor edits and corrections. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roebuck which was seconded by Trustee Vigilant to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The consent agenda was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report for this reporting period is organized into two sections. Part I provides highlights of new and ongoing presidential initiatives and institutional accomplishments since the last report. Part II highlights major accomplishments within the framework of *Greatness Through Innovation*, the University's current strategic plan.

This framework has been adopted to ensure that all Components and Departments across the University are focused on areas that the University has determined are critical to our future success. I continue to be extremely impressed with the productivity and commitment of our university's students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Highlights of the President's report included student achievements, faculty achievements, institutional achievements, and the Presentation of his Presidential award.

LaMonee Morris, a psychology major, was crowned Miss UVI 2024 on Saturday, April 6, in the Cafetorium on the University's Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix. Morris also earned the titles Best Talent, Best Evening Wear and Most Intellectual Speaker.

- Golden Key International Honour Society Induction Ceremony was held on Sunday, April 1, 2024. Twenty-six students were inducted into the society. Dr. Pamela Moolenaar-Wirsiy, Dean of Innovation and Student Success & Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement was inducted as an honorary member. Thirty people attended the Ceremony.

- **Ashukamayah Phillips**, a Freshman on the women's basketball team, was named the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) Newcomer of the Week on February 19 after scoring a career-high 31 points to help the Lady Buccaneers to a 77-57 win over Tougaloo at the Elridge Blake Sports and Fitness Center to close out the regular season.

- **Jackiema Flemming** was invited to meet with Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, at an event hosted in Washington, DC, as part of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through HBCUs.

- **Maliqua Kamau**, a Senior Information Systems & Technology major, was selected by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and its partners to participate in The Pitch Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from May 18-23, 2024. The Pitch is a competition for business-minded, creative, and technology-minded students.

- **Maurice Smith, Jr.**, men's basketball graduate student, received the Master of Business Administration Award at the 2024 Academic Achievement Awards. He also was the lone Buccaneer to receive athletic accolades from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC), earning Second Team All-GCAC honors.

Santiago, Lamani, UVI Senior student. (April 23, 2024.) Received the *Student Employee of the Year* award at the 2024 Annual Student Engagement Awards Ceremony; also received the *Innovation Award* and *First Class Service Award*, demonstrating outstanding commitment by consistently exceeding the level of performance by creating over 200 illustrations for SOA CES publications.

▪ **Taylor Nunley**, graduate assistant for athletics administration, was selected to attend the third annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Governing and Leadership Academy (GLA), which was held on April 4, 2024, at Park University in Missouri. She was one of 50 NAIA administrators selected to participate and was the only Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) representative.

▪ The Elections Committee of SGA conducted general elections to choose executive and legislative members for the academic year 2024-2025 on the Orville E. Kean Campus. One hundred and two students participated in the online voting process, and the following students were elected as the new officers:

Zeidan Bass, as President,
Darrin Connor, as Vice President,
JayCrislie Boon as Treasurer.

The following students have been elected as senators:

- **Gidal Williams** as Senior Senator
- **Najahde Liburd** as Junior Senator
- **Jenai Brooks** as Junior Senator
- **Eversley Davis** as Sophomore Senator

President's Appreciation Award

The President's Appreciation Award for this term is **first presented to all students, staff and faculty**, who during this period, as they have done throughout President Hall's tenure, contributed greatly to achieving the goals of the University of the Virgin Islands and advancing this special institution of higher education. In this final President's Appreciation Award, it is essential to recognize the collective energy of those who behind the scenes make this a great University every day. **Second, the President's Appreciation Award is presented to the outstanding members of the President's Office** - Una Dyer, Jessica LaPlace, Jessica Taylor and Gail Steele. These individuals, collectively and individually, are responsible for organizing, marketing and implementing so many of the events highlighted in this President's Report to the Board which occurred during this period. Their creativity, matchless energy and dedication are worthy of the highest honor the President can bestow. In addition to the above, they were responsible for developing the President's Office report to the UVINext Task Force, which resulted in the highest score for this review period and one of the highest scores since this process has been in existence. This is an amazing team and are so critical and essential to President Hall's and the University's success !!!! **Third, the President's Appreciation Award is presented to the Reichhold Center for the Arts staff**, who during this period were responsible for supporting so many events related to the recent Carnival Celebration, which included the Carnival Queen and Prince shows. They also provided the technological, sound and other integral support for key University events like the Dean's List Reception, the Distinguished Student Convocation, Commencement and so many other events. Finally, it was their advocacy that secured additional support from the Reichhold Foundation Board to initiate artistic events and concerts while we await the reconstruction of the Reichhold facility. These events include the Session on the Shore and the upcoming UB40 concert. The outstanding dedication and tireless work of Denise Humphrey, Marcus Daniel and Feja Lima are precious gems.

Chairman’s Comments

The Chairman thanked President Hall for his dedicated years of service and indicated that we would be celebrating him this evening at the Gala in his honor that has been planned. The Chairman also presented flowers to Dr. Marilyn Braitwaite-Hall as a token of appreciation for her years of service to the University.

Board Committee Items

Academic, Research, Student Affairs.....Dr. John A. Quelch

Amendment to the graduation Honors Policy

Provost McKayle presented an amendment to the graduation honors policy to revise the minimum number of credits earned at UVI for graduation honors to 42 credits for transfer students through MOU.

Trustee Sheena Walker entertained a motion to approve the amendment to the policy to award graduation honors to transfer students, via MOU, who have earned at least 42 credits at UVI. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kyza Callwood. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Policy to Change the Minimum Number of Credits earned at UVI for Graduation Honors was approved unanimously.

Executive Committee.....Henry C. Smock

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

The updated draft of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was presented to the Executive Committee for review. It was approved and is being forwarded for ratification by the full Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Reginald Vigilant which was seconded by Vice Chair Oran Roebuck to ratify the action of the Executive Committee approving the update Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The Board unanimously ratified the Executive Committee’s action.

Free Tuition Guidelines for Part-time Students

The Free Tuition Guidelines for Part-Time Students was presented to the Executive Committee for review. It was approved and is being forwarded for ratification by the full Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Reginald Vigilant which was seconded by Vice Chair Roebuck to ratify the action of the Executive Committee approving The Free Tuition Guidelines for Part-Time Students. The Board unanimously ratified the Executive Committee’s action.

Planning Committee.....Dr. Lois Hassell-Habtes

Key Performance Indicators

The Planning Committee received a report on the KPIs as linked to UVI’s Strategic Plan: Greatness Through Innovation. The report focused on Graduate Rate, Degrees Awarded, DFW Rates, Financial Aid, NSSE

Executive Session

At 10:45am, a motion was made by Trustee Vigilant which was seconded by Trustee Callwood to move into Executive Session discuss the following matters which could be reasonably expected to result in the disclosure of information of personal nature wherein public disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, commercial information obtained where public disclosure may cause substantial injury to the competitive position of another to whom the information relates or premature disclosure that would seriously frustrate implementation of the proposed action(s), and for the Board to obtain legal advice on those matters:

1. Approve Executive Session Minutes
2. Receive reports from the ARSA Committee, Planning Committee, and Finance and Budget Committee
3. Receive an Update on Personnel Matters
4. Receive an Update on Legal Matters

Return to Regular Session

Upon return to the Regular Session of the meeting 12:37pm,, the Chair reported the following actions taken by the Board in Executive Session:

- Approved Executive Session Minutes
- Approved Tenure for 4 Faculty Members
- Received Update re Personnel Matters
- Received update re Legal Matters

Adjournment

Having no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Vigilant which was seconded by Vice Chair Roebuck to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 12:39pm.